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Be part of the 2025 calendar
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September 29, 2024
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Spring 2024
Pearce Ward

 **City of Swan**

A new look and feel for our Community Care services

City of Swan

Community Care has a new look and feel.

Our Community Care staff and volunteers are passionate about helping people live with choice and independence.

Whether you want a hand getting from A to B, some extra support at home or a social network, they are here for you.



In July, we celebrated a refresh of Community Care, signifying our commitment to creating inclusive and connected communities that have a sense of belonging in Swan.

The new identity is warm, welcoming and inclusive – reflecting the values at the core of our Community Care services and people.

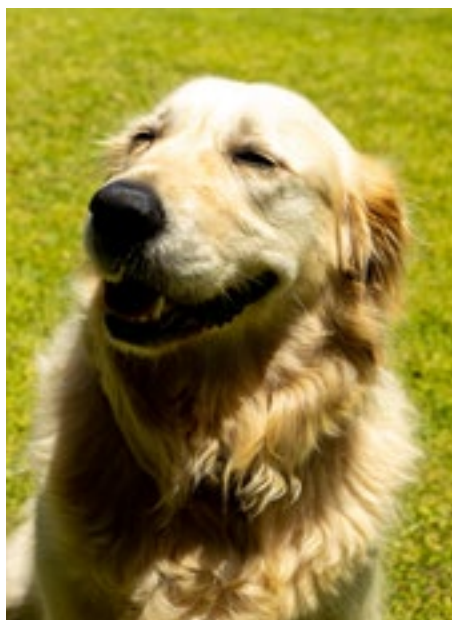
Some of the changes you may notice are:

- A refurbished building, creating a home away from home for members of our dementia specialised service
- New uniforms and signage
- A fresh approach to service delivery
- Acknowledgment of Aboriginal heritage

If you are interested in accessing our Community Care services or helping out as a volunteer, please visit our website.



[www.swan.wa.gov.au/
community-care](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/community-care)



It's easy to be a great pet owner

City of Swan

An important part of responsible pet ownership is renewing your pet's registration, so if the worst happens and they go missing, you have the best chance of being reunited.

If yours is due this year, you will soon receive a notification to renew your pet's registration.

You can renew the registration between October 10-31, 2024.

The easiest way to do it is online.

You can also pay in person at any of our libraries, our administration building in Midland or at an Australia Post office in Swan.

If you want to reduce the hassle of annual renewals, you can choose to register your pet for their lifetime.



[www.swan.wa.gov.au/pets-and-
animals](http://www.swan.wa.gov.au/pets-and-animals)

Ellenbrook Town Centre parking on the agenda

Pearce Ward

The new Ellenbrook Train Station is just months away from opening and making commuting to and from the Perth CBD, and other parts of the metropolitan area, even easier.

We know there will be an increase in demand for parking around the station once it is up and running.

We're taking a proactive approach to managing this with our Ellenbrook Town Centre Parking Management Plan, so everyone has access to the parking they need.

We recently asked the community for their thoughts on the plan which categorises specific areas around the town centre into park-and-ride,

all-day paid, time-limited and unrestricted parking.

At the same time, we've also been working on the Ellenbrook Town Centre Payment in Lieu of Parking Plan.

This plan allows commercial developers to pay a fee instead of providing parking bays where a non-residential development has a shortage in the required number of parking bays.

Any money collected will be spent in the Ellenbrook Town Centre area and the specific amount charged per bay is outlined in the plan.

The community consultation period for both plans closed on July 21 and submissions are being reviewed by the City.

You can learn more about the plans by visiting our Swan Engage website.



www.swanengage.swan.wa.gov.au



Gnangara Road duplication update

Pearce Ward

Gnangara Road has been the subject of several duplication projects in recent years.

The latest area to get updated is the section between Pinaster Parade and Henley Brook Avenue.

The duplication supports increased urban development in this area by improving connectivity and safety and reducing traffic congestion.

This project will link parts of Gnangara Road to the east and west that have already been duplicated. Design was completed in December 2023.

Planning and utility service relocations are now underway and construction is on track to start in early 2025.

The project is scheduled for completion in 2025/26.



www.swan.wa.gov.au/gnangara-duplication

Henley Brook Avenue connection project

Pearce Ward

Henley Brook has experienced rapid growth, so responsible and proactive development of the road network is critical.

We are extending Henley Brook Avenue from about 300m south of Gnangara Road to Park Street to manage the increase in local traffic.

The dual carriageway extension will also serve as a dedicated commuter route, diverting traffic away from West Swan Road which is primarily intended for tourist traffic.

Construction restarted in July 2024 with the upgrade of the footpath on the western verge of Henley Brook Avenue to create a dual-use shared path.

Road extension works will continue through to 2025/2026 with the construction of roundabouts, footpaths and landscaping.



www.swan.wa.gov.au/henley-brook-extension

A responsible budget for a brighter future in Swan

City of Swan

Our Annual Budget 2024/25 has laid the foundation for an exciting year of growth for Swan.

Council adopted the budget at a Special Council Meeting on June 26, 2024, when they also passed a rate increase of 3.5 per cent.

The modest increase – lower than Australia's annual rate of inflation – marked only the second rate rise for the City in five years.

"We froze rates for three consecutive years after the onset of COVID-19 to lessen the financial burden of the pandemic on homes and businesses," Tanya Richardson, City of Swan Mayor, said.

"Council has been working hard to get this budget right in recent months and we're confident we've struck the right balance for our growing community."

The rate rise aligns the budget with the priorities in our Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031 (SCP) and Council's direction not to close facilities or cut services.

The SCP is the City's key strategic document, capturing the community's priorities for the next 10 years and breaking them down into five key result areas – Natural Environment, Economic, Social, Built Environment and Governance.

Our annual budget is the economic tool that allocates resources to put our SCP onto action.

"As Council Members, we set the City's strategic



direction, and that's a role we take very seriously," Mayor Richardson said.

"We spend a lot of time reviewing and refining these plans because it's critical to have an effective planning process, especially for a local government like ours which is growing rapidly."

The 2024/25 budget includes one of the biggest capital works programs in WA, featuring major infrastructure projects such as Swan Active Ellenbrook, the extension of Henley Brook Avenue and the construction of Ballajura Intergenerational Playspace.

Highlights from our \$155.5m capital works program:

- **\$33.6m** to improve our road network through road construction, upgrades, safety and parking projects
- **\$7.7m** to get kids playing outdoors with playspace construction and improvements
- **\$5.5m** to give local community groups a place to call home by building the Ellenbrook Community Hub

- **\$3m** to preserve our heritage with works on buildings such as the Midland Junction Arts Centre
- **\$2.8m** to boost sustainability by introducing a new three-bin FOGO system
- **\$2.4m** to improve access and safety on cycleways, footpaths and shared paths
- **\$2m** to continue the revitalisation of Midland with stage one construction of Trackside Entrance and Grandstand Way in the New Junction precinct
- **\$1.6m** to make Swan greener, including planting more than 1,200 street trees in line with the City's Urban Forest Plan
- **\$900,000** to increase female participation in sport with changeroom upgrades in Beechboro and Ballajura
- **\$100,000** to boost safety with the introduction of more mobile CCTV towers
- **\$30,000** to increase accessibility by installing universal access ramps and pedestrian crossings in Ballajura



www.swan.wa.gov.au/annual-budget-2024-25

Entwined in the Swan Valley is just around the corner

City of Swan

Attracting visitors and locals alike, it's almost time to roll out the welcome mat for another edition of Entwined in the Swan Valley.

Every spring, as the days grow longer and the promise of the new wine vintage is in the air, our growers and creators open their doors to welcome visitors to their unique and delicious experiences.

This year, Entwined in the Swan Valley has been extended thanks to popular demand and community feedback.

It will run for almost a month from October 4-28.

From hands-on masterclasses to long, lazy lunches, there's something for everyone.

Tanya Richardson, City of Swan Mayor, said she was looking forward to visiting Swan Valley businesses and support local for Entwined.

"Each year our Entwined in the Swan Valley campaign draws in more and more people from across Perth and beyond," she said.

"Not only is it a great opportunity to showcase the Swan Valley, but it also helps our local farmers, growers and artisans by encouraging the community to shop local.

"We're proud to offer an extended event this season with the campaign running for nearly a month – making it easier to attend multiple events and sample the best of the valley."

Many Swan Valley businesses have signed up to put on special events and experiences for Entwined throughout October.

So, get ready to sip and savour the fruits of their labour as they showcase the best the region has to offer.



www.swanvalley.com.au/entwined



How you are shaping the future of Bullsbrook

Pearce Ward

The Bullsbrook Local Area Plan (LAP), which outlines the community's priorities for the area, was adopted by Council in July.

We engaged with the community in person and online across two consultation phases to seek important feedback on your needs and priorities to help us plan for the future.

You said you wanted us to focus on:

- Providing more opportunities and facilities for young people
- Advocating for more public transport options
- Upgrading and maintaining our park and reserves

- Protecting the natural environment
- Facilitating and advocating for more employment opportunities.

The LAP will be updated annually so you can track our progress.

We know priorities change so we will continue to engage with you as we move forward.

Visit our website to read the full Bullsbrook LAP.



www.swan.wa.gov.au/BullsbrookLAP

Our calendar competition is closing soon. Get amongst it!

City of Swan

Calling all shutterbugs – from the seasoned snappers of Swan to anyone with a phone and a flair for photography.

This is your golden opportunity to capture the essence of the City of Swan on camera, get your photography featured in the highly anticipated 2025 Community Calendar and win a \$400 gift voucher.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words.

For this year's calendar, the City wants to tell the story of Swan through your eyes – or more specifically, your lens.

The theme for 2025 is **“Get Amongst It,”** focusing on the vibrancy, energy and diversity of life in Perth's biggest local government area.

The calendar will showcase the beauty of the environment and the spirit of the community, with images of people getting amongst it across Swan.

Tanya Richardson, City of Swan Mayor, said it was a rare opportunity for anyone with a creative streak to get their photography in homes across the City.

“If you are passionate about our stunning landscapes or the everyday moments that make Swan special to you,

I encourage you to snap and submit,” she said.

“It might be an image of your children laughing at a park, athletes in action at a local sports event or the warmth of community connections at the markets – it's all part of our story.”

Entries are open until September 29, 2024.

For terms and conditions, FAQs and to submit a photo, see our website.



www.swan.wa.gov.au/2025-calendar-comp



How safe is your place?

City of Swan

This is a great time to take stock of your home security measures to make sure you are keeping yourself and your family as safe as possible.

Using devices such as CCTV cameras, getting to know your neighbours and staying connected to your community are great ways to help you feel safer.

Sneak theft – where burglars sneak into easy-target homes and steal keys, often while homeowners are there – is a common crime that can be easily prevented with these measures.

You can visit the Neighbourhood Watch website to assess your security measures and learn new crime prevention strategies.



www.cityofswan.social/home-security

Get bushfire ready

City of Swan

Swan will enter the restricted burning period in October.

This means you cannot burn without a permit unless you meet strict requirements in certain cases.

Leading into summer, all property owners have a legal responsibility to conduct fire hazard reduction works such as maintaining an asset protection zone and keeping grass height below 10cm.

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services recently released the first Firewise Gardening in WA guide, which you can find on the DFES website.

The City has a Fire Hazard Inspection Officer, who can help you develop a plan to manage your fire risk. Visit our website to book an inspection.



www.swan.wa.gov.au/bushfire

Sculptors to draw inspiration from a 'trip to the tip'

City of Swan

A unique sculpture competition inspired by the resilience of the Perth Hills community has returned for 2024, with entries now open in the Australian Rustic Farm Art Awards.

The awards, presented at the Gidgegannup Agricultural Show in October, are a partnership between the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society and the City of Swan.

They were established in 2022 to give residents a creative outlet in the wake of the Wooroloo bushfire that destroyed 86 homes.

The theme of that inaugural competition was "Out of the Ashes", and the overall winning entry belonged to Heather Barrett, pictured, who made a sculpture of a horse from the ashes of her home.

Last year's Australian Rustic Farm Art Awards (ARFAA) attracted even more entries.

The overall winner was Scott McDonald for his farmer's "throne" and side table, made from old garden tools, natural wood and other bits and pieces.

Ms McDonald's quirky tribute to the resourcefulness and sustainability of rural Australians was a hit with the judges.

Entries for this year's awards close on Sunday, September 29, with finalists to be notified on Friday, October 4.

As usual, the sculpture genre is farm art or junk art – artwork made from recycled scrap

metal, broken-up machinery, timber and other materials you might find on a farm.

This year's theme, "Trip to the Tip", asks entrants to reflect the character of rural life in Australia in an imaginative way.

Judging will be held during the exhibition at the Gidgegannup Agricultural Show on Saturday, October 26.

At least four prizes will be presented, with categories for adults, youth, children and a local artist award.



www.cityofswan.social/art-awards



How we can help you make Swan a better place

City of Swan

Do you have a community-focused idea that you think would interest others in your area?

Our Swan Proactive Grants encourage the delivery of innovative community-led projects, activities and initiatives targeting community-identified strategic focus areas.

We want to give financial support to ideas that can enhance the lives of residents, visitors, and the wider Swan community.

We are particularly interested in reducing homelessness and enhancing community wellbeing, safety and environmental sustainability.

Proactive grant opportunities offer up to \$25,000 in funding, with the understanding that capital items are included through contributions under this stream.

Funding rounds close quarterly at the end of January, April, July and October.

Please plan and submit your application in ahead of project starting.

If you are interested in applying, visit www.cityofswan.social/proactive-grants, email communitygrants@swan.wa.gov.au or call (08) 9207 8693.

Our Swan Community Grants team will be happy to help you with feedback, information or advice to make sure you put forward your very best submission possible.



www.swan.wa.gov.au/grants



Tarmac West

📍 Ellenbrook, Whiteman, Bullsbrook

📅 September 12-15

🌐 tarmacevents.com.au/our-events/tarmac-west

Strap yourselves in because Tarmac Events WA is gearing up to celebrate its 20th anniversary with a running of the four-day Tarmac West rally.

The racing will be coming to Whiteman Park and Ellenbrook on Thursday, Bullsbrook on Saturday and Malaga on Sunday.



Bullsbrook Goes Green

📍 Ethel Warren Bullsbrook Community Centre, 3 Maroubra Ave, Bullsbrook

📅 9am-2pm, Saturday, September 14

🌐 www.cityofswan.social/bullsbrook-goes-green

Bullsbrook Goes Green will be a day full of sustainability and interactive activities.

Learn how to upcycle clothes and fabrics with the traditional indigo dyeing technique at a free workshop.

The day will also feature a clothes swap, plant sale and much more.



Bullsbrook Community Event

📍 Kingsford Estate, Brookbank Drive, Bullsbrook


📅 10am-2pm, Saturday, October 19

🌐 www.cityofswan.social/bullsbrook-event

A celebration of Children's Week WA, this free event will have something for everyone.

There will be birds of prey, hip hop dancing workshops, face-painting, Eco Faeries and much more.

Come along to Kingsford Estate for a day of family fun and community connection.



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IN THE SWAN VALLEY

OCTOBER 2024

Experience Swan Valley's finest this spring with masterclasses, high teas, long lunches, and dinners from top artisans and chefs.

entwinedinthevalley.com.au

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